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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

US Citizen as a Civil Prisoner in the USSR.

AREA REPORTED ON

TAYSHET, USSR

FROM (Agency)

7050 AISW (USAF)

DATE OF REPORT

26 Mar 54

DATE OF INFORMATION

Jun 51 to Jul 53

EVALUATION

C-3

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SOURCE

216159

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

I. PREAMBLE: SOURCE was a German Civil Internee in the Civil Internment Enclosure # 04, located in a dense forest about 220 to 240 km E-NE of TAYSHET (5557N/9800E) from Jun 51 to Jul 53. In this enclosure he met one US Citizen, who was also kept there as a political, civil, prisoner. SOURCE was on friendly terms with this man, who knew how to speak German, and learned some details of his history from conversations.

II. US CITIZEN IN ENCLOSURE # 04, ABOUT 220 to 240 km E-NE OF TAYSHET:

SOURCE met a US citizen in enclosure # 04, about 220 to 240 km E-NE of TAYSHET. He got on friendly terms with this man, who spoke a fluent German, and described him as follows: His name was Karl LORENZ, he had been a representative of the PARAMOUNT FILM CORPORATION at GOERLITZ (5110N/1500E) in Germany. There he had been arrested in 49 or 50 by the Soviets as an American spy or agent for sabotage of work. He had been transferred through several camps which SOURCE could not remember.

From conversations with this man, SOURCE had learned that he had been born in the USA in 1901 or 1902. As a student he had not done too well and therefore his father was determine for him to learn the profession of a Film-Technician. His first wife an Irish woman, he had lost with his two (2) sons on occasion of a motor car accident in the States.

His second wife was of German origin, last residence was GOERLITZ. Ever since he had been arrested by the Soviets he had had no chance to make a connection or give her any message. He had never been allowed to write any letters and so did not know whether or not his wife would be still in Germany or had already found a chance to travel to the USA. He believed that she was still alive.

When SOURCE was transferred from this enclosure in Jul 53, this man was left behind with the other groups of civil internees of other nationalities.

As to the personal description of the person SOURCE recalled that he was about 1.7 m tall and had an athletic figure.

During the conversations this American never made any remarks concerning his expected fate. He also did not know what would happen to him, as the Soviets never told him anything.

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